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DISCUSS ARAB AID TO AFRICA

YAOUNDE JUNE 1 - MINISTERS OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF 24 AFRICAN
AND ARAB STATES HAVE BEEN MEETING IN THIS WEST AFRICAN CAPITAL
TO DISCUSS ARAB AID TO AFRICAN STATES. THEY WILL END THEIR
DELIBERATIONS THIS AFTERNOON. THE FIRST SESSION OF THE STANDING
COMMITTEE ON AFRO-ARAB COOPERATION, WHICH WAS OPENED ON MANDAY BY
CAMEROON'S PRESIDENT AHMADOU AHIDJO, IS A FOLLOW-UP TO THE AFRO-
ARAB SUMMIT HELD IN CAIRO IN MARCH OF THIS YEAR, AT WHICH THE
ARAB STATES PLEDGED 1.46 BILLION DOLLARS IN AID TO AFRICAN STATES.
DURING THEIR MEETING, THE MINISTERS ARE EXPECTED TO ENDORSE
A BUDGET FOR THE STANDING COMMITTEE AND DETERMINE THE CONDITIONS
UNDER WHICH AFRICAN STATES CAN TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE AFRO-ARAB FUND
FOR COOPERATION.

IN AN INTERVIEW PUBLISHED IN THE FRENCH-LANGUAGE DAILY
CAMEROON TRIBUNE, SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE ORGANIZATION OF
AFRICAN UNITY WILLIAM ETEKI M'BOUMOUA SAID THAT HE EXPECTS
THE CONFERENCE TO STUDY SEVERAL AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS,
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BUT THAT THE BULK OF THE ARAB AID FUND WILL PROBABLY BE USED TO
PAY FOR FEASIBILITY STUDIES OF A VARIETY OF AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT
PROJECTS, AND THAT AFTER THIS GROUND-WORK HAS BEEN DONE, THE
AFRICAN STATES WILL BE ABLE TO TURN TO THE INTERNATIONAL
FINANCIAL MARKET TO FINANCE THE ACTUEL PROJECTS. MR ETEKI
DOUBTED THAT THE CONFERENCE WOULD DIVIDE UP THE MONEY AT THIS
POINT, BUT THOUGHT THAT IT WOULD CONTENT ITSELF WITH VOTING A

BUDGET FOR THE STANDING COMMITTEE AND DETERMINING ITS ADMINISTRATIVE
AND ORGANIZATIONAL PROCEDURES. ITEM.
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